

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace Applicants' original Paragraph 0004 with the following paragraph:

[0004] ~~Patent document DE 44 09 460 C1~~ United States Patent Number 5,565,663 discloses an electric switch, in which locking elements can be brought into a release position by actuating a function setting that does not occur in normal operation. This function setting is reached by simultaneously pressing or pulling and rotating the switch. While such a switch can be assembled or disassembled without any additional auxiliary tools, its design structure is complicated, and this makes the switch expensive.

Please also replace Applicants' original Paragraph 0018 with the following paragraph:

[0018] The object is additionally achieved by a corresponding method ~~according to Claim 11 or 12~~, which firstly relates to the step sequence during unlocking of the locking elements and secondly to the step sequence during unlocking of the electric switch.